GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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INDUSTRIAL BACKWARD AREAS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the industrially backward States of the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to prepare any scheme for the development of such backward areas; and

(d) if so, the details of the specific steps being taken by the Government for the development of these areas ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a)& (b) : The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion has recently requested the Planning Commission to identify clear cut empirical criteria to define industrial backwardness and undertake a comprehensive survey to rank all the districts on the parameters of industrial backwardness with a view to formulating suitable policies for locating industries in such areas for the economic development thereof.

(c)&(d):Under the liberalised economic environment, investment decisions are taken by entrepreneurs based on techno-economic considerations which in turn depend on the initiatives of the State Governments in creating conducive environment by way of providing infrastructure facilities and other incentives.Central Government supplements their efforts to the extent possible. Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion is implementing the Growth Centre Scheme, Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme, North-East Industrial Policy Package, Special Category States Package and Industrial Parks Scheme in this regard to promote industrial development.